

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0193926 A1 to Katagishi et al. ("Katagishi"). The Examiner also rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Katagishi in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0192189 to Yuhara et al. ("Yuhara").

By this amendment after final, Applicants propose to amend claims 1, 2, and 5.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a).

Katagishi does not disclose an onboard apparatus to be mounted on a vehicle having, among other things, a display means for displaying design information related to a function or an operation of the type of the vehicle and display setting means for setting the display means based on the type of vehicle recognized by the recognition means, as claimed in independent claim 1.

The Examiner states that Katagishi discloses an onboard navigation apparatus 3 and a display 37 (Office Action, pg. 2). However, the onboard navigation apparatus and display of Katagishi lack any teaching of a display means for displaying design information related to a function or an operation of the type of the vehicle and display setting means for setting the display means based on the type of vehicle recognized by the recognition means as presently claimed. Katagishi therefore does not anticipate the onboard apparatus of independent claim 1 or dependent claim 2.

In light of the foregoing arguments, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Katagishi is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) at least because Yuhara does not cure the deficiencies of Katagishi mentioned above.

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 1, 2, and 5 in condition for allowance.

Applicants submit that the proposed amendments do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner.

In addition, Applicants submit that the entry of the amendment would place the application in better form for appeal, should the Examiner dispute the patentability of the pending claims.

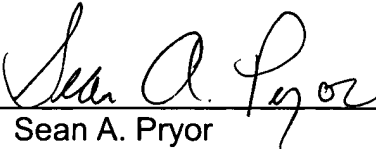
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that this claimed invention, as amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicants therefore request the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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